



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 3, 2021

**TO:** Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors

**FROM:** Dane Eagle, Secretary, Department of Economic Opportunity and Michelle Dennard, President, CareerSource Florida

**SUBJECT:** Supporting Unemployed Floridians

Shortly after taking office, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-31, which set an ambitious goal for Florida to become No. 1 in the nation for workforce education by 2030. Ensuring Floridians are prepared for the workforce is critical to the future success of our state. The Governor recognizes Florida's Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDB) play a vital role in ensuring Floridians have access to the resources and services needed to obtain meaningful employment. The purpose of this memo is to underscore the expectations of the Governor's Office, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), and CareerSource Florida Board of Directors as we work collectively toward achieving this important goal and vision for equitable access to exemplary workforce services and economic stability.

Additionally, on May 3, 2021, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Orders 21-101 and 21-102, which reinforced the Governor's commitment to help Floridians return to the workforce and lifted all local COVID-19 restrictions and mandates on individuals and businesses.

On May 12, 2021, DEO announced Florida's 'Return to Work' initiative focused on encouraging Floridians to return to the workforce, helping employers attract job seekers, and continuing to fuel the state's economic growth. Through the 'Return to Work' initiative, DEO encouraged Floridians who are interested in learning a new career path or need assistance looking for employment to turn to their community's LWDB for assistance. Our LWDBs are responsible for formulating, leading, and communicating the Governor's vision for the state's workforce system in support of the customers they serve.

The following attachments are to be used as a tool to enhance the customer's experience when visiting our state's LWDBs. We look forward to discussing these matters further when we meet in person on September 15, 2021. Thank you in advance for your collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Dennard".

Michelle Dennard

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dane Eagle".

Dane Eagle